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Source: Ford

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SUBJECT: FORD MEETING WITH GAMBIT *file*

1. Reference: BSC/Ops/002 of 25 November 1946; BSC/Ops/004 of 1 December 1946; and BSC/Ops/005 of 17 December 1946.

2. On Monday 6 January 1947 source succeeded in finding Frau BLUM at her home in Berlin-Zehlendorf. He was received in friendly fashion and was shown into what he termed subject's "disorderly" looking room.

3. Source introduced himself as a "Herr KOENIG", but then stated frankly to subject that in reality his name was not KOENIG, just as he knew that her name was BERTZ and not BLUM. He admitted that he worked for the Russians and told her that the Russians were well aware of who she was and what she had done during the war and were consequently very much interested in her.

4. The Russian interest, source assured her, was so great that if she did not cooperate they might use the pressure available to them--action against her mother who was living in Weimar. The Russians would undoubtedly also use any pretext to try to lure subject herself into the Russian sector of Berlin, and she should under no circumstances go.

5. According to source, subject liked his frankness and his well-intended warning, and was cooperative in telling him about her current activities, which he could report to the Russians.

6. Subject informed source that she was working at OMGUS, Economics Division, Industry Branch, Public Utilities Section, where she was a secretary for a Mr DE FOREST, whose rank was equivalent to that of a Brigadier General. Subject's own duties included the translation of documents into English, French, and German. The office was responsible for all public utilities in the American Zone and had offices in the key cities in the zone. There was also a sub-section in Minden, for integration of activities with the British. Cooperation with the British was good, with the French less so, and with the Russians, difficult.

7. This information source declared he would pass on to the Russians. Undoubtedly, however, the Russians would insist on further and closer contact.

8. Source's estimate of subject is not a particularly favorable one. His first impression, the result of his one meeting with her, is that she is rather sharp, a "cat", who is morally probably quite loose.

COMMENT: The meeting described above took place after advance warning to subject. (A description of the meeting as seen by Gambit will be the subject of a future report.) Source himself decided the direct approach and the admission he worked for the Russians to be the best one. After reporting the substance of the meeting, source was told he may report the information contained in paragraph 6 to Captain SMERIN.

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